



BATEEN
WORLD ACADEMY

Secondary Curriculum Guide



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Years 7 – 13

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Welcome to Bateen World Academy Secondary School

Bateen World Academy offers a dynamic and cohesive educational journey that begins in our Primary School with the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), where students develop essential transdisciplinary skills and a strong sense of curiosity and independence.

In Secondary, starting from Year 7, we continue to nurture the development of the whole child through a holistic approach inspired by the IB learner profile. Our Middle School (Years 7–9) offers a broad and balanced curriculum, giving students a wide range of experiences through which they can discover their passions, develop their talents, and grow in confidence.

We benchmark our standards in literacy and numeracy throughout the school against the English National curriculum, ensuring academic rigour and consistency. In Years 10 and 11, students engage in the internationally respected and academically rigorous IGCSE programme, which builds strong subject knowledge and critical thinking skills. This solid foundation prepares them for success in the IB Diploma Programme or Career-related Programme in our Senior School (Years 12–13).

At Bateen World Academy, we are committed to developing compassionate, resilient, and internationally minded learners. Our aim is to empower students not only to excel academically, but to grow as confident communicators, ethical leaders, and global citizens prepared to make a positive impact in an ever-evolving world.



Key Stage 3 at Bateen World Academy

Our Lower School programme offers a rich, rigorous, and future-focused curriculum designed to develop innovative and agile learners. Spanning Years 7 to 9, students engage with a broad range of subjects that foster academic excellence, creativity, and personal growth. We blend the IB philosophy with the structure of the English curriculum, ensuring both breadth and depth across disciplines.

Innovation is at the heart of learning at BWA. Students design products using 3D printing and CAD/CAM, compose original soundtracks with digital audio workstations, and build interactive games through Scratch and Python programming. In Mathematics, students apply their knowledge and skills to solve real-world problems involving measurement, patterns, statistics, and algebra, helping them become confident and logical problem-solvers. In Language and Literature, students explore a wide variety of text types and media, developing their critical and evaluative thinking to become thoughtful, articulate communicators. The annual Science Fair and integrated STEM challenges encourage inquiry, creativity, and public presentation skills throughout the year.

Our curriculum promotes global citizenship and local identity. Whether exploring Shakespeare, debating global issues, performing Emirati music, or researching UAE space initiatives, students develop cultural understanding through effective communication and collaboration skills. The IB learner profile guides their growth as principled, reflective, and open-minded individuals.

Through strong academic foundations, a commitment to wellbeing, and a celebration of student voice, our Secondary school empowers every learner to discover their talents, pursue their passions, and prepare for the rigours of the IGCSEs, our IB curriculum and beyond.

Subjects Offered (Years 7–9)

English Language and Literature	Art & Design
Arabic native or non-native	Drama
Mathematics	Music
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	Coding / Computing
Individuals & Societies (Humanities)	Physical and Health Education
Languages (French or Spanish)	Moral Education and UAE Social Studies
Design & Innovation	Islamic Studies (or study skills)
Food Technology	

Students have the option of studying French or Spanish from Year 7 and two of the creative arts subjects in Year 9 (music, drama, art). Note: IGCSE mathematics starts in Year 9.

The IGCSE Programme (Years 10–11)

The IGCSE Programme at Bateen World Academy marks an important stage in each student's academic journey, where learners begin to select subjects aligned with their strengths, interests, and future aspirations. Grounded in our school vision to nurture agile and innovative learners, and guided by the IB learner profile, the IGCSE years develop independent, resilient, and globally minded students who are well-prepared for further academic pathways.

Students study a core curriculum including English, Mathematics, Sciences, Arabic and a Modern Foreign Language, and then choose from a wide range of optional subjects. This flexibility allows students to personalize their education while ensuring academic rigour, intellectual challenge, and practical relevance. The IGCSE's international perspective and emphasis on critical thinking, creativity, and applied learning makes it a natural gateway to the IB Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Programme offered in our Senior School (Years 12–13).

Throughout Years 10 and 11, students are supported through high-quality teaching, ongoing assessment, careers counselling, and dedicated pastoral care. This ensures that each student can achieve success relative to their ability, and develop into a confident, ethical, and reflective learner ready to thrive in a global context. In Year 10, students will take a core group of subjects in English, Arabic, mathematics, science, physical education and Islamic (if relevant), and then choose from the following IGCSE and *BTEC options. We recommend that all new students going into Year 10 meet with our curriculum coordinators to select the best options for the IGCSE and IB Diploma pathways.

IGCSE and *BTEC Subjects Offered

- English Language
- English as a Second Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics (Foundation / Higher)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Geography
- History
- Business
- Studies
- *Music
- *Engineering
- *ICT
- Economics
- French
- Spanish
- Arabic Art & Design
- Drama
- Design Technology
- Food and Nutrition
- Computer Science
- Physical Education



Senior School Pathways (Years 12–13)

Bateen World Academy's Senior School offers two exceptional pathways for students in Years 12 and 13: the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP). These internationally recognised qualifications support our vision to nurture agile, innovative learners who are ready to thrive in an ever changing world.

The IBDP is a rigorous, academically challenging programme designed for students aiming to pursue university education globally. It encourages students to explore six subject groups alongside the core components of Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), which foster critical thinking, research, and holistic development.

The IBCP is tailored for students seeking a career-related focus. It combines the academic rigour of IB Diploma subjects with real-world learning through a recognised career-related study and a CP core that includes personal and professional skills, service learning, a reflective project, and language development. This pathway offers excellent preparation for direct employment, vocational study, or university.

With expert guidance, small class sizes, and a supportive learning environment, BWA Senior School ensures that each student is equipped to achieve their personal goals—whether they aspire to academic excellence, professional readiness, or both. Student in the IB Diploma choose one subject from each group (see below), 3 at Standard Level (SL) and 3 at Higher Level (HL). Students in the IB Career-related Programme choose two courses from the IBDP options, alongside a BTEC Level 3 and IBCP core qualification. We also offer the standalone BTEC qualification, outside the IBCP.

Courses Offered in the Senior School (IBDP)

- **Group 1:** English A: Language and Literature HL/SL
- **Group 2:** French B SL, Spanish B SL, Arabic B SL, Ab initio options
- **Group 3:** Business Management HL/SL, Global Politics HL/SL, History HL/SL, Psychology HL/SL
- **Group 4:** Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL, Physics HL/SL, Environmental Systems & Societies SL, Computer Science HL/SL, Design SL/HL
- **Group 5:** Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL/SL, Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL/SL
- **Group 6: (or electives):** Visual Arts HL/SL, Music HL/SL, Theatre HL/SL, or a second subject from Groups 3 or 4

Courses Offered in the Senior School (IBCP)

Choose 2 IBDP subjects (above)

IBCP Career-related Study: BTEC in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

IBCP Core: Personal and Professional Skills, Reflective Project, Language Development, Service Learning

University Placements

Graduates of Bateen World Academy consistently secure placements at leading universities across the globe. BWA students consistently perform above the UAE and global averages in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, enabling access to highly competitive courses and institutions. Our students have been accepted into top-ranked universities in the UK, US, Canada, Europe, and the UAE. Recent destinations include University College London, Imperial College London, University of Toronto, McGill University, New York University, and King's College London.

Popular degree programmes pursued by our graduates include Engineering, Medicine, Business, International Relations, and the Creative Arts. These placements reflect both the academic rigour of our IB programmes and the comprehensive career and university guidance we provide. At BWA, we are committed to empowering students to follow their passions and contribute meaningfully to a global society.

The Extended Curriculum

At Bateen World Academy, we believe that learning extends beyond the classroom. Our extended curriculum is designed to nurture the whole child, developing their interests, talents, leadership and global outlook in line with our IB philosophy and school vision.

Our robust extended-curriculum programme spans the following diverse categories:

Sport & Activities: Competitive and recreational options such as football, swimming, basketball, badminton, and table tennis. BWA is a member of the Abu Dhabi International School Sports Association (ADISSA).

- **Academic Support:** Homework clubs and subject-specific booster sessions to enhance achievement.
- **STEM & Innovation:** Offerings include the STEM Club, Scratch & Python coding, robotics, F1 in Schools, and various sustainability projects.
- **Enterprise & Media:** Authentic student-led experiences through our BAAM (Bateen Advertising and Media) Company.
- **Performing & Creative Arts:** Choirs, drama productions, art workshops, and craft clubs.
- **Wellbeing & Mindfulness:** Activities designed to support balance and emotional health.
- **Languages, Culture:** From Japanese, French and Spanish culture to UAE heritage and sustainability initiatives.

Leadership and Student Voice

Leadership is embedded throughout student life at BWA. Beginning in the Primary School, students at all Year levels participate in the Student Council, contributing to school decisions and leading on key issues. Our Sustainability Ambassadors work across year groups to promote environmental responsibility through initiatives aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In Senior School, we have a respected team of Head Students and Prefects, who model the IB learner profile and represent the student body at major events. Additionally, House Captains support our vibrant house system, fostering inter-year collaboration, healthy competition, and school spirit.

In Year 12, students undertake structured work experience placements linked to their career aspirations. This opportunity equips them with real-world skills and insight, bridging the gap between school and the professional world. Furthermore, the IBCAS programme challenges students to engage in Creativity, Activity, and Service beyond the classroom. Through sustained experiences, students develop skills, self-awareness, and ethical responsibility. IBCAS promotes collaboration, perseverance, and reflection, empowering learners to make meaningful contributions locally and globally while fostering personal growth and balanced development. This is a mandatory requirement for IB Diploma students which serves to strengthen their personal and professional portfolios and university application.



